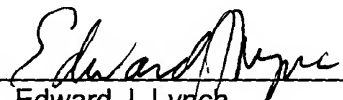


**REMARKS**

The applicants believe that the pending claims are directed to patentable subject matter. Applicants have submitted herewith a PTO-1449 form citing the references considered in the parent application. A copy of the references not previously cited are enclosed herewith. Consideration of the application in view of these references and an early allowance thereof are earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

By:   
Edward J. Lynch  
Attorney for Applicants  
Registration No. 24,422

DUANE MORRIS LLP  
One Market  
Spear Tower, Suite 2000  
San Francisco, CA 94105  
Telephone: (415) 371-2200  
Facsimile: (415) 371-2201  
Direct Dial: (415) 371-2267